

San Marino, Huntington Library, HM 00064

Description: ff. 196 - Bound in 1971 in polished calf; previous binding, s. XVIII, in English calf. - Written in England towards the end of the fifteenth century; computistic cycles in the calendar are dated 1480 and 1520; some of the feasts in the liturgical calendar were instituted in 1480 (Visitation, Frideswide, Etheldreda); the feast of the Transfiguration was instituted in England in 1487; on f. 72 is a mention of Henry VII, showing that part of the text to be written in 1485 or later. Names of early owners are: s. XVex or XVIin: ff. 82v, 106, 109, 120, 140, 149, "Iste liber est [or "constat"] Iohannis eccam [or "ekam"]"; f. 41, possibly in the same hand as "Iohannis eccam," "Caucio Iohannis p'ener alias halpyn pro vi s."; f. 11, "Iohn Han[?]", s. XVIin: f. 155, "Iohn wallton"; s. XVIin or med: f. 196v, "Hughe drapere merchaunt"; s. XVI: ff. 74, 76v, 81, 160v, "Iohn Bosgrove" (on f. 81, "Iohn Bosgrove ys a mytte man and man of the lerneing wythall"). Said in the Rosenbach description in Library files to have belonged to Dr. John Dee (1527-1608), but there is no evidence of this in the manuscript; the book does not appear in the Dee's catalogue, nor is it accepted by R. J. Roberts and A. G. Watson, eds., John Dee's Library Catalogue (London, The Bibliographical Society, forthcoming). Bought ca. 1833 by Sir Thomas Phillipps; his MS 6883. Acquired privately through A. S. W. Rosenbach by Henry E. Huntington in 1923. - C. W. Dutschke with the assistance of R. H. Rouse et al., Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library (San Marino, 1989). De Ricci, 48. W. J. Wilson, "Catalogue of Latin and Vernacular Alchemical Manuscripts in the United States and Canada," Osiris 6 (1939) 408-18 with plate of f. 17. L. MacKinney, Medical Illustrations in Medieval Manuscripts (Berkeley 1965) 148.1. Aspects of Medieval England, n. 46 open at f. 14.

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Language: English Latin; English; French Latin *Country:* England *Century:* 15th

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Part 1: ff. 1-196v

Description: - Paper - Ancre somewhat similar to Briquet 485, Padua 1547 and Main similar to Briquet 11154, Palermo 1482 - 215 x 307 mm - 1²⁴(as suggested by paired presence and absence of watermarks, - the first 2 leaves and the last leaf, after f. 29; + an inserted gathering of 8 leaves, ff. 18-25) 2²⁶(-10 after f. 38) 3²² 4-8²⁴. 2 catchwords only, at the end of quire 2 (f. 54v) and quire 8 (f. 196v), both enclosed in red frames. 2 columns of 32-37 lines, except on ff. 34v-47v with long lines, and ff. 72v-79 in verse. Ruled in lead; round prick marks in the 3 outer margins.

Country: England

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XV^{ex}

Searchable Date Range: 1485 - 1499

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes:

Script: Secretary; Textura formata; Cipher

Figurative Decoration: Simple illustrations in ink, with hair tinted yellow, of a Vein Man (f. 8v) and 2 Zodiac Men (ff. 12v, 14); urine bottles, not colored in, on ff. 39-47v; diagrams, charts, tables and astrological signs in ink of the text, in red and in yellow wash.

Notes: Latin

Number of Texts: 9

Text 1: ff. 1-196v

Title: Medical, technical and cosmetic recipes

Language(s): Latin; English; French

Notes: Sparsim throughout the manuscript: calendar; astrological information; relationships between the four elements and the signs of the zodiac; tables of eclipses; prognostications; instructions on taking a pulse; charms; a regimen sanitatis; medical and dietary recommendations; excerpts from the work of Johannes Jacobi against the plague; indices of pregnancy and of the sex of the fetus; text on the humors; on the prescription of laxatives; on the complexions of men and women according to date of birth; note on the use of arabic and roman numerals; chronology of England; on measuring the distance between the planets; perilous days; technical receipts in English, Latin and French (to make Greek fire; to dye cloth; for an oil to color metals; to make worms; to write on metal; to make eye wash); a charm for quick delivery with the word square, Sator arepo tenet opera rotas; 55 gynecological recipes; note on pharmaceutical weights; surgical procedures for wounds; substitutions for unavailable ingredients; descriptions of diseases; charms (to staunch blood; to cure dog bite; to dissolve spots in one's eyes; to heal a wound; to cure fevers; to determine virginity or fault in childlessness); charms (to heal wounds; against toothache; against evil spirits; against moles); cosmetic recipes to make toothpaste and a skin cream.

Text 2: ff. 176, 183v, 184v, 186, 186v, 187, 188v, 190

Title: Medical recipes

Language(s): English

Notes: Added s. XV and XVI, 18 medical recipes in English; one on f. 187 is designated by name: an ointment "quod Iohn harris pottycary."

Text 3: ff. 28v-34

Title: Trotula minor

Title: Hic incipit Trotula minor de ornatu. De fessurus [sic] labiorum

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Sunt quidem qui fissuras labiorum paciuntur

Explicit: ungatur oculos cum custodiat et mane lavet cum aqua Tepida. *Explicit* Trotula.

Notes: Portions of 2 treatises commonly called Trotula minor: 33 chapters from the end of Ut de curis mulierum (interrupted by the loss of a leaf in the chapter "De Sorditate aurium") followed by (ff. 30-34) a nearly full text of De ornatu, beginning Ut mulier suavissima et planissima...; Thorndike and Kibre, 284, 1612.

Text 4: ff. 38v-50

Title: On Urines

Language(s): English

Incipit: Omnis urina est Colamentum Sanguinis et est duarum rerum proprie Significative...In the begynynge thou schalt take hede to fowre thyngis that longithe to the dome of vryne

Explicit: The 37th vrine Red as Bloode ouer all signifieth the menys strenge et cetera.

Notes: Thorndike and Kibre, 1004, here missing one leaf after f. 38 with loss of text; illustrated with drawings of urine bottles, not colored in.

Text 5: ff. 52-61v

Title: Booke of Astronome and of Filosofye

Language(s): English

Incipit: Here Begynnes the Booke of Astronome and of filosofye contryuyd and made of þe wisseste Philosophers and Astronemers that euer were

Explicit: he schall leve longe but if the Cours of the mone be contraye [sic] to hym et cetera.

Notes: A shorter version of this text in J. Krochalis and E. Peters, eds., The World of Piers Plowman (University of Pennsylvania Press 1975) 5-17.

Text 6: ff. 79v-81

Title: Here saythe Galienus the goode Leche that was of metis and dryngkis to vse in tyme of the yere in every monythe to take and Ete & in tyme of Bloode Letynge et cetera. Aquarius. Medical astrology

Language(s): English

Incipit: In the monythe of Ianyver whyte wynes dryngke & Blode letynge forbeere

Explicit: and a grete pestelence ouer all placis Si luna fuerit in capricornio ad propositum tuum ire noli. This ben the tokones that schall fall of all the Mistis and the Thonderynge & when to take yowre Iournaye...

Notes: G. Henslow, Medical Works of the Fourteenth Century (London 1899) 62-65.

Text 7: ff. 83v-93v

Title: Storia lune

Language(s): English

Incipit: Gode that all this worlde wroughte/ And all mankynde withe his blode bowghte... Luna prima Bonum, The furste daye of the mon/ God wiste full well what was to done

Explicit: To send vs happe and grace/ And hye in heveyn to have a place. Amen.

Notes: IMEV 970.

Text 8: ff. 176v-183v

Title: Agnus castus

Language(s): English

Incipit: Asterion Is an herbe that men clepthe Lunare. This herbe growithe amongis stonys and in hye placis

Explicit: Also for Brenynge of Lemes take the Iuce and dryngke hit and ye schall be hoole et cetera. Explecet.

Notes: G. Brodin, ed., Agnus Castus: a Middle English Herbal. Essays and Studies on English Language and Literature 6 (Copenhagen and Cambridge, Mass., 1950), this manuscript unrecorded; text has 79 entries, largely in the order of the printed edition, but omitting many of them and ending incomplete at Quinque folium.

Text 9: ff. 184-190v

Title: Glossary of herbs

Language(s): Latin; English; French

Incipit: Aloes lignum, sunt autem tria Genera Ligni. Aloes est enim que Reperitur in insula que dicitur Cume

Explicit: Salix arbor est gallice Saus. Saturea id est ysopus agresta.

Notes: Glossary of herbs in Latin with some English and French equivalents. J. Stannard, "A Fifteenth Century Botanical Glossary," Isis 55 (1964) 353-67.
